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SCENE OF THE TURCO-RUSSIAN WAR

A European War Man. which they will find in this number of our paper. It is taken from the New York Tribune, and is a faithful representation of the ground which is to be the scene of the struggle between the Russian and the Turk—a struggle which Kischereff, on a railroad half way between Jassy and Odessa. The Turkish fleet on the Danube is mistress of the water. The map also shows the Russian boundary previous to and after the Crimean war. The second line of Turkish defense is in the Balkan range of mountains, forming a great rampart which the Russians will be compelled to scale before they can reach Constantinople.

A gray sky and a gray sea. A wind that bore down the storm-tossed shore Snowflake and spray together : A wreck's jagged timbers, sharp and brown That shivered and swayed as the tide went

A headland grim, with a castled crown, 'Mid a waste of withered heather.

gray sky and a gray sea. And a noise like rolling thunder. As the foam flew fast on the bitter blast golden sand reach, long and low Black rocks that 'mid ages of ebb and flow Guard the beautiful bay, where long ago Came ships with the Raven flag at their prow

For slaughter, fire and plunder, gray sky and a gray sea, And two who stood together With hands close clasped as hands are grasped That are parting, parting forever; The words the world hears every day As for all we struggle and weep and pray

Young hearts must break in life's fever play, And links are light to sever. A gray sky and a gray sea. Where white gulls stooped to hover;

Their broad wings flashed as the great way Where by lover lingered lover; Those two may nevermore meet again : But the wild March wind, with its chafe an

Will for aye recall the passionate pain Of that farewell tryst by the stormy main, When first love's dream was over.

#### HUSBAND AND WIFE.

"It was to meet such difficulties as that tontines "--- " Bother !" I wrote the first sitting at my desk, and said the last aloud, impatiently-well there angrily-for Mattie had bounced into the room, run to the back of my chair and clapped her hands over my eyes, ex-

Oh, Dick, what a shame And you promised to come up and dress!" "I do wish you would not be so childish!" I cried, snatching away her hands. 'There's a blot you've made on my manu "Don't be so cross, sir!" she said, laugh-

ing, as she gave a waltz round the room,

of the light chairs, which she merrily pickof up, and then coming to my writing

"You are desired to go; you have a rose

monetary nature. You seem to think men sting to my sensible speech. ought always to be butterflies." "No, I don't, Dick dear," she cried. 'There, will that do?" She held her head on one side for me to

cannot fail to be of interest to the people | see the creamy rose nestling in her crisp | ing by hand down on the desk. of the United States. The first line of dark hair; but, after a glance at it, I let Rustchuk, Widdin, Silistria, etc. The looking wistfully at me, but I paid no heed Russians have had their headquarters at and she then came and rested her hands upon my shoulders.

"Are you cross with me, Dick?" she said, softly. "Cross? no!" I jerked out, impatiently.

Only I thought I had married a woman, and she has turned out to be a child." There was silence then for a few minutes, only broken by the scratching of my pen.

The little hands twitched a little as they lay upon my shoulder, and I very nearly wrote down, instead of "The calculations arrived at by the projectors of tontines "---"Richard Marlow, how can you be such a disagreeable wretch?" But of course I did not write it---only thought---and then I felt wonderfully disposed to turn round, snatch the little graceful figure to my breast and kiss away the tears that I knew were gathering in her eyes. "Please, Dick dear, don't be angry with

me. I can't help feeling very young and girlish, though I am your wife. I do try, oh! so hard, to be womanly; but, Dick dear, I'm only eighteen and a half."

"Thirteen and a half, I should say," I said, scornfully, just as if some sour spirit help it.

There was no answer-- only a little sigh -- and the hands were withdrawn.

"Had you not better get ready, Dick?" sons won't like it if we are late." " Hang the Wilsons!" I growled. There was another pause, filled up by the

ever used, and another little sigh. Mattie was standing close behind me but I did not look round, and at last she gently to a chair glided and sat down. "What are you going to do?" I said.

and rested her little hands on my shoulder. "Yes-no. Pray, don't bother! Go on. denly there was a buzz outside the house, Perhaps I'll come and fetch you." There was another pause. Dick dear, I'd rather not go without you," she said, meekly, at last.

"And I'd rather you did go without the little woman, and I could see that she

"Because I've no time for such frivolity, There, you've wasted enough of my time already, so go."

table, she took a rose out of a basket of in your hair," I said, satirically-oh, what flowers and began to arrange it in her hair. | poor satire, when it was put there to please | tried to run up to the house, but half a dozen | nestling close to me, " are you very, very "I'm not cross," I said, coldly, "but en-gaged in a serious work of a mercantile and and enjoy yourself," I added, by way of a "I can't enjoy myself, Dick," she said,

gently, " unless you come too. Let me stay ? "I desire you to go!" I exclaimed bang She looked at me with the great tears

Turkish defences comprises the towns my eyes fall upon my desk, and went on standing in her piteous eyes, and then, comalong the right bank of the Danube- writing my pamphlet. I saw that she was ing nearer, she bent over me and kissed my said roughly, as I repelled her caresses; and then, looking wistfully at me, she went

slowly to the door, glided out and was That broke the spell, and I started from my seat, but more angry than ever. I was wroth with her now for obeying me so meekly and I gently opened the door, to hear her call her maid and tell her to accompany her as far as the Wilsons'.

Then I heard them go---heard the girl return, the door close, and I was alone. Alone? Well, not exactly; for, so to speak, I was having an interview with my angry self, as I felt that I was, asking how I could let a feeling of annoyance act upon and I felt that I must either jump, or try my better nature and make me behave as I had to the sweet little girlish being who during the six months we had been married, had never looked at me, but with eyes

"Change your things and go after her, something seemed to say; but I repelled it, threw my writing aside, kicked off my boots, snatched my slippers out of the sideboard, thrust the easy chair in front of the were urging me on to say biting, sarcastic cosey fire, threw myself into it, and then, things that I knew would pain the poor with my feet on the fender, and my hands girl; but for the life of me I could not in my pockets, I sat, morose, bitter and uncomfortable, gazing at the glowing embers. "She had no business to go!" I exclaimed. "She knew I was up all last

I went on writing -- rubbish that I knew night, writing that abominable book, and was out of sorts, and ought to have stayed." Then I reviewed the past half hour, and said Mattie, softly. "You said you would grew calmer as I looked back, knowing as air caught me by the throat and seemed to I did, and well, that I had forced her to go, poor child, and how miserable she would be

" I'll wait up till she comes home, and then scratch, scratch of one of the noisiest pens I tell her how sorry I am for my folly and ask her forgiveness. "But, as a man, can I do that? I said. Will it not be weak?"

"Never mind," I exclaimed, "I'll do it Surely, there can be no braver thing to do than to own one's self in the wrong. Life's "Only to wait for you, Dick dear," she too short to blur it with petty quarrels, And suppose she were taken ill to-night-You need not wait. Go on. I shan't my darling, whom I love with all my heart? come. Say I've a headache--say any- Or suppose she went too near the fire and her dress caught alight? There, how Dick, are you unwell?" she said, ten- absurd! Thank goodness she is in silk, and derly, as she came behind me once more not one of those fly-away muslins!" I sat on, musing and musing, till sud-

word "Fire!" repeated again and again, and, turning to the window, there was a glow which lighted up the whole place. I dashed down stairs and out of the door, me," I said, angrily. "The Wilsons are to find the road thronged, for a house a litour best friends, and I won't have them the lower down was in flames, and, to my horror, I had not taken a dozen steps before I found that it was at our friends' the

It was quite time, for the house as I "You've-burnt yourself, too, Dick; look "Yes, yes, Dick dear, I'll go, if you wish," reached it was blazing furiously, the flames at your foot.

making her pretty silk dress whisk over one Mattie said very meekly; "but indeed I'd darting out in long fiery tongues from half It was quite true; the toe of one slipper the upper windows, while at several there must have come in contact with the fire; restored, and even that you should sing

> officious people held me back, while the angry with your little wife for being such a men with the fire-escape tried to rear it girl?" against the house; but it would not reach because of the garden in front, so that they that my weak fit of folly was past, as I had to get the wheels of the escape over the clasped her closer and closer yet. iron railings, and this caused great delay.

> me. "Let me go! Some one---some one in me, and ran to the escape, it was to find they rested there I made a vow I hope I

that the man who had ascended it had just been beaten back by the flames. "It's no use," he said: "we must try the false, He was about to drag the machine away. when I heard my name called: "Dick! Dick!" in piteous tones, and as I was once

the ladder, with the flames scorching and burning my face, and, panting and breathstood stretching out her hands. I got astride of the sill, the flames wafted away from me, and threw my arm roundsher; but as I did so the ladder gave way, burned through by the flames that

gushed furiously from the lower window, and descend by the stairease. There was no time for thinking: so climbed in, lifted Mattie in my arms, feeling her dress crumble in my hands as I ouched her, and the horrible odor of burnt hair rose in my nostrils, and saw her wild and blackened face turned to mine.

"Dick, Dick!" she gasped, "save me!" and then she fainted. Getting a good tight grip of my treasure rushed down the burning stairs, feeling them crackle and give way as I bounded

nds I was below the flames, and reached the hall, where, panting and suffocating, struggled to the door, reached it, and fell. If I could but open it, I knew we were saved. But I was exhausted, and the hot strangle me. I raised my hand to the lock. but it fell back. I beat feebly at the door- opened and distributed, it is carried off but there was only the roars of the flames to the various departments, where it is trade. to answer me; and as I made one more su again examined, and then pigeon-holed preme effort, panting and struggling to for future reference. Of the immense reach the fastening, I was, as it were mail sent the President every day from

still clasped to my breast. It was more than human endurance could bear, and I felt that the end was near, and, to make my sufferings more poignant, Mattie seemed to revive, struggling with me for her life, as she kept repeating my name, and clung to me, till-

I started up, to find Mattie clinging to me; and clasping her tightly to my heart, a great sob burst from my breast, as I kissed her passionately again and again, hardly then a rush of feet. I fancied I heard the able to believe my senses. en me so! I couldn't stay to supper at the Wilsons', dear; for I could do nothing but

think about your sitting here, alone, and cross with me. So-so-so, I was so miserable, Dick, and I slipped away and came home, to find you lying back here, panting and struggling; you wouldn't wake when I shook you. Were you ill?" "Oh, no; not at all," I said, as I kissed

cited people, talking eagerly; and just then the fire-escape came trundling along the first time sensible of a smarting pain in one

I could not answer, only thanked God

"Mattie," I whispered at last, in a very "Let me go!" I panted to those who held husky voice, "can you forgive me for being like an artist with a bad cold." "I I could say no more for the hindrance of As I freed myself from those who held two soft lips placed upon mine; and while

> shall have strength to keep; for real troubles are so many it is folly to invent the At last, when I was free, I took the rose from where it nestled in her hair, and placed it in my pocketbook; while, in answer to the inquiring eyes that were bent on mine.

"For a memento of a dreadful dream."

### Letters of Officeseekers.

Governor Young of Ohio gives an amusing account of the manner in which epistolary applications to President Hayes from officeseekers are treated in Washington. Mr. Hayes has three secretaries and four clerks, and these gentlemen attend to all his correspondence, even that marked private and personal. In front of these gentlemen are a number of large baskets; one is marked 'State," another "War," another "Navy," another "Post-office," and so on through each of the departments. Every letter is opened and carefully read. If its writer wants a place for himself or a friend, as a postmaster, the document is indorsed "Postal department," and thrown into the basket of that department. If for a place in any other department, it is correctly in- about half an inch in diameter, made of dorsed and thrown into its proper bas- the best of hemp, which he saturates ket. Occasionally a letter is found the with a chemical fluid prepared by himcontents of which show that it should be self. He charges according to the serseen by the presidential eye, and this is vice rendered. If he only cuts the rope placed in a small basket labeled "Presi-he charges \$150, but if he furnishes dent." When all the mail has been certain material and an assistant he reever reaches the presidential eye.

Since the troublous times of the "Lava Beds" but little has been heard of the Modocs. The tribe, never very large, is rapidly becoming extinct. the present time it is said to number but 117 souls, fifty-four of which are males and sixty-three females. They are located on a fertile tract of land containing 4,000 acres, in the northeast corner of the Shawnee reserve in the Indian Territory, and have turned their attention to agriculture, which they pursue industriously and with success. have a large and valuable crop on hand, \$22,000. The mine developed well, and in proof of their energy as farmers. The the lucky speculator realized over \$60,000 government has expended nearly \$2,000 from this investment. The miner who in providing them with schools. It is possible that their existence may be pro- by Chicago gamblers, who sold it to a tracted by the changed and ameliorated condition in which the Modocs find themselves; but much more powerful tribes have entirely disappeared, and it is only a question of time when they will follow

How a King Cured a Prima Donna. There is a curious story told of the manner in which Frederick the Great could deal, where other men had failed, with a prima donna of the period who was inclined to set too little store by the public. This great artist seemed to catch a cold, which had the effect of rendering her hoarse and consequently unable to sing, whenever anybody or anything had displeased her.

One day a certain opera was to be per-formed at Berlin before the king himself. At the appointed hour the manager came forward and said : "Ladies and gentlemen, we grieve to inform you that our prima donna has a sore throat, and that the representation announced cannot therefore take place," The stolid Teutonic audience seemed no whit surprised, and was moving out tranquilly, when the king rose and commanded the dience sat down again and waited pa-

tiently on events. In less than a quarter of an hour the manager reappeared and spoke as fol-lows: "Ladies and gentlemen, I have the most unfeigned pleasure in informing you that our prima donna is completely cared of her sore throat and will have the honor to sing before you tonight." Surely enough the famous singer soon appeared, and never had she sung better. Her triumph was com-

The king's prescription had been very simple one. The prima donna, having dismissed the unhappy manager, was sitting comfortably before the fire in her own room, and rather pleased at the idea of having spoiled the pleasure of several hundreds of persons, when the door was violently thrown open, and there entered an officer followed by four dragoons. "Mademoiselle," quoth the officer, "the king, my master, has sent me to ask after your health." "The king is very good; I have a sore throat." " His majesty knows it, and has charged me to take you at once to the military hospital, where you will be cured in a few days." Mademoiselle turned pale. "You are jesting," she simpered; but Prussian officers, she was informed, never jested. The lieutenant gave the order to his men, who seized mademoi-

selle and carried her out of the theater. A coach was in attendance; the lady

was deposited therein; the officer took his place beside her, after shouting his address to the driver : "The military hospital;" and off they went, the dragoons riding alongside. In a few seconds : "Stay," said the lady ; "I think I feel better "The king is anxious mademoiselle, that you should feel quite to-night." "I will try," murmured the prisoner. "Back to the theater," cried the officer to the coachman. Arrived there, mademoiselle began to think she had yielded too easily. "I will sing since his majesty commands me," she said, "but God knows how." will sing," replied the officer, "like the great artist you are." "I shall sing think not," "And why!" "Because a couple of dragoons will be in attendance behind the scenes, and at the least couac they have orders to arrest you and carry you off again to the military hospital. The hoarseness was now completely

The man who has filled the office of hangman in New York and Brooklyn for the past quarter of a century lives in the Wallabout neighborhood, Brooklyn. He is a medium sized, dark-skinned, blackhaired man, who is known as Henry Isaacs, a false name, adopted to screen his family from notoriety. Isaacs' first execution was in 1853, when Nicholas Howlett and William Saul, two river pirates, were hanged in New York. Since that time he has officiated at the execution of over sixteen criminals in

New York and Brooklyn. Isaacs had been engaged to hang s lost his fee (\$250) by the death of his prospective victim. He follows what is known as the Marwood method of hanging, in which the knot is placed under the chin, so that death may be produced by breaking the neck, instead of by strangulation. He always ascertains the weight of the person to be executed, and provides a rope of corresponding strength. He usually provides a halter ceives \$250. Isaacs is a carpenter by

A romantic history is given to a valu dragged back by the weight of the burden I officeseekers, hardly one letter in fifty able diamond, which is said to be for sale by a firm in Salt Lake City. It weighs eight and a half carats, and half an inch in diameter. It is related of it that for many hundred years it was in the family of an East India prince, and by him presented to Queen Christians of Spain, who gave it to her daughter Isabella on the occasion of her marriage, When Isabella was forced to part with it, a gentleman from St. Louis purchased it at an auction sale in London. Subsequently it was stolen from him at Saratoga Springs, but on the offer of \$5,000 and "no questions asked," it was re-turned. Afterward this same gentleman went to Salt Lake City and sold his diamond for mining property valued at received the stone was cheated out of it diamond dealer, who in turn sold it to the firm in Salt Lake City who now pos-

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